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1. ☒ The communication filed Jan. 24, 2003 is informal/non-responsive for the reason(s) checked below and should be corrected. APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER OR UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE SET IN THE LAST OFFICE ACTION (WHICHEVER IS LONGER) WITHIN WHICH TO CORRECT THE INFORMALITY.

- a. ☐ The amendment to claim(s) 1, 2, 4, filed Jan. 24, 2003, fails to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 and is accordingly held to be non-responsive. A supplemental paper correcting the informal portions and complying with the rule is required.
- b. ☐ The paper is unsigned. A duplicate paper or ratification, properly signed, is required.
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4. ☐ Other

The amendment to at least claims 1, 2 and 4 fail to show proper correspondence between the original claims, changes as shown in the marked-up copy and the clean copy of amended claims. Applicants should review all claims amended and correct any inconsistencies in the amendments.

More specifically, it is unclear where "Z" originates from the original claim 1. It is unclear what is applicant's intent with claim 2. It is suggested that any claims corresponding to the limitations of claim 1 should be checked regarding reference to "Z", i.e., claim 18.


Please see 37 CFR 1.121(c).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S. Metzmaier whose telephone number is (703) 308-0451. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Dawson can be reached on (703) 308-2340. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


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